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FOLLOWING IS HALLORAN STORY APPEARING IN MONDAY NEW  
YORK TIMES. ARTICLE IS HEADED "PARK REPORTED TO HAVE  
CURBED SOUTH KOREAN LOBBYING AFTER AGENT DEFECTED TO U.S."

" INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SAY THAT PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE  
OF SOUTH KOREA CURTAILED ALLEGEDLY ILLEGAL KOREAN LOBBYING  
OPERATIONS HERE EARLY THIS YEAR AFTER A SENIOR KOREAN  
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER DEFECTED AND BEGAN TALKING TO FEDERAL  
INVESTIGATORS, ACCORDING TO SOURCES WHO HAVE SEEN THE RE-  
PORTS.

"THE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SAY THAT PRESIDENT PARK ERUPTED  
IN ANGER AFTER KIM SANG KEUN, THE NO. 2 OFFICER OF THE  
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KOREAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN THE SOUTH KOREAN  
EMBASSY HERE, DEFIED ORDERS TO RETURN TO SEOUL AND SOUGHT  
POLITICAL ASYLUM IN NOVEMBER 1976.

"BUT MR. PARK WAS REPORTED TO HAVE COOLED DOWN AND TO  
HAVE HELD MEETINGS WITH HIS SENIOR AIDES TO ASSESS THE  
SITUATION. AFTER THAT, THE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SAID, MR.  
PARK ORDERED THE KCIA TO TAKE A LOW PROFILE IN THE U.S.

"SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIALS HERE HAVE PRIVATELY SUGGESTED

THAT THE KOREAN AGENCY IS CURRENTLY RESTRICTED IN THIS COUNTRY TO LIAISON WITH U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

"THE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, THE SOURCES SAID, ALSO DISCLOSED THAT PRESIDENT PARK HAD WARNED HIS AIDES THAT SOUTH KOREA MUST BE PREPARED TO 'GO IT ALONE', NOT COUNTING ON THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO KOREAN DEFENSE. HE ALSO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE REMAINED FIRM AGAINST EASING POLICIES THAT THE U.S. HAS CHARGED CONSTITUTE REPRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

"MR. PARK'S REPORTED ORDERS TO KOREAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS AND OTHER KOREAN AGENTS IN THE U.S. ENDED AN ESPECIALLY ACTIVE PERIOD THAT BEGAN IN LATE 1974. A FRESH ASSESSMENT OF INFORMATION OBTAINED OVER THE LAST NINE MONTHS FROM KOREAN AND AMERICAN SOURCES SHOWS THAT IT WAS THE SECOND SURGE IN A SOUTH KOREAN EFFORT TO INFLUENCE U.S. POLICY, LEGISLATION AND ATTITUDES TOWARD SOUTH KOREA.

"THE REASONS FOR THE NEW PUSH, THESE SOURCES INDICATE, WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE BEHIND THE INITIAL DRIVE IN 1970. AT THAT TIME, PRESIDENT PARK'S GOVERNMENT FEARED THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GROWING OPPOSITION TO THE VIET NAM WAR IN THE U.S. AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF 20,000 OF THE 60,000 AMERICAN TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA WOULD WEAKEN THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO SEOUL.

"IN 1975, THOSE FEARS WERE AGAIN AROUSED BY THE COMMUNISTS' VICTORY IN VIET NAM. THE SOUTH KOREANS DECLARED THAT THE NORTH KOREANS BELIEVED THE U.S. WAS UNLIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANOTHER WAR IN ASIA, AND, THEREFORE, THAT THE NORTH KOREANS WERE PREPARING TO STRIKE.

"THE SOUTH KOREAN LOBBY VIGOROUSLY TRIED TO SHORE UP THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT WITH A WIDE-RANGING OPERATION, PARTS OF WHICH WERE OF QUESTIONABLE LEGALITY, ACCORDING TO VARIOUS OFFICIAL U.S. SOURCES.

"THE OPERATION BEGAN IN LATE 1974, WHEN A SOUTH KOREAN LEGISLATOR NAMED RO CHIN HWAN TOLD A WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL, JOHN NIDECKER, THAT KOREAN FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE FOR THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND OF ANY CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE THE WHITE HOUSE NAMED, ACCORDING TO A STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT.

"THAT OFFER WAS REFUSED. BUT OFFICIALS HERE SAID THAT IT WAS 'COMMON KNOWLEDGE' THEN IN THE U.S. EMBASSY IN SEOUL THAT ANY SENATOR COULD PICK UP \$50,000 AND ANY

REPRESENTATIVE \$30,000 FOR HIS CAMPAIGN JUST BY ASKING THE SOUTH KOREANS FOR IT. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER ANYONE TOOK UP THE KOREAN OFFER.

"THE SOUTH KOREANS THEN INTENSIFIED THEIR EFFORTS. IN WASHINGTON, PARK TONG SUN, THE SOUTH KOREAN AGENT ON WHOM INVESTIGATIONS HERE HAVE FOCUSED, HIRED WILLIAM TIMMONS AS A CONSULTANT IN JANUARY 1975, FOR A REPORTED \$60,000 A YEAR. MR. TIMMONS HAD JUST RESIGNED AS CHIEF CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICER IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

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"WHAT, IF ANYTHING, MR. TIMMONS DID FOR MR. PARK COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. MR. TIMMONS HAS DECLINED TO ANSWER PHONE CALLS.

"ANOTHER CONSULTANT WAS C. WYATT DICKERSON, A BUSINESS-MAN TO WHOM MR. PARK PAID \$72,000 IN FEES IN 1975. MR. DICKERSON SAYS HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN LOBBYING BUT IN ADVISING MR. PARK ON REAL ESTATE, OIL VENTURES AND OTHER BUSINESS. OTHER SOURCES HAVE SAID THAT MR. PARK FINANCED HIS LOBBYING FROM BUSINESS EARNINGS.

"AT THE SAME TIME, KIM HYUNG WOOK, A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE KCIA, HAS TOLD THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE SEOUL GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARING ANOTHER AGENT, KIM HAN CHO, AND LATER SENT HIM \$600,000 FOR LOBBYING EXPENSES IN THIS COUNTRY.

"SUCH AGENTS WERE NOT NECESSARILY ON THE PAYROLL OF THE KOREAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BUT OPERATED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM SEOUL.

"A QUASI-OFFICIAL TRADE ASSOCIATION THAT SPRING HIRED THE PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM OF HILL & KNOWLTON FOR \$300,000 A YEAR TO DISSEMINATE POLITICAL PROPAGANDA TO NEWSMEN, EDUCATORS AND OFFICIALS IN THE U.S. THAT CONTRACT WAS ENDED A YEAR LATER, ACCORDING TO RECORDS AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

"THE TRADE ASSOCIATION DONATED \$1 MILLION TO HARVARD IN JUNE 1975 TO ESTABLISH A KOREAN STUDIES PROGRAM THERE. THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT ALSO HELPED TO FINANCE SEVERAL SEMINARS IN THE U.S. AND KOREA FOR AMERICAN SCHOLARS.

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"PRESIDENT PARK'S SON-IN-LAW, HAN BYUNG KI, WAS POSTED AS DEPUTY AMBASSADOR IN THE SOUTH KOREAN OBSERVER MISSION

AT THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE SAME TIME. HE WAS TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE KCIA OPERATIONS IN THE U.S., ACCORDING TO FORMER KOREAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS. THESE OPERATIONS ARE REPORTED TO BE DIRECTED MORE TOWARD POLITICAL ACTION THAN TOWARD INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING. MR. HAN HAS DENIED A CONNECTION WITH THE KOREAN AGENCY IN LETTERS BUT HAS REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED.

"THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT ALSO INCREASED THE NUMBER OF INVITATIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS TO VISIT SOUTH KOREA THAT YEAR. THE VISITORS FROM CONGRESS QUICKLY ALMOST DOUBLED IN NUMBER, FROM 26 IN 1974 TO 49 IN 1975.

"ABOUT 25 U.S. CONGRESSMEN WENT TO SOUTH KOREA IN AUGUST THAT YEAR TO ATTEND CEREMONIES MARKING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR. THE KOREAN TOURIST PROMOTION ASSOCIATION ALSO INVITED AMERICAN VETERANS OF THAT WAR TO VISIT AND GAVE THEM FIRST-RATE ACCOMMODATIONS AT CUT-RATE PRICES.

"THE FOLLOWERS OF THE REV. SUN MYUNG MOON, THE EVANGELIST, ANOTHER SOUTH KOREAN WHO ALLEGEDLY OPERATED UNDER THE KCIA, WERE ESPECIALLY ACTIVE DURING THE SECOND SURGE.

"DURING THE WINTER OF 1975, TWO SENIOR MEMBERS OF MR. MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH OFFERED THEIR SERVICES TO VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER IN A MANNER THAT, ACCORDING TO A MEMORANDUM OF A ROCKEFELLER AIDE THAT THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS OBTAINED, SOUGHT MR. ROCKEFELLER'S SUPPORT FOR MR. MOON'S 'DUBIOUS ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES'.

"MR. MOON'S FOLLOWERS RALLIED IN WASHINGTON TO URGE SUPPORT FOR SOUTH VIET NAM AND IN NEW YORK TO CALL FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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A CONTINUED U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA. A PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN CIRCULATED AROUND CAPITOL HILL THAT SUMMER TO MAKE MR. MOON'S NAME BETTER KNOWN.

"MR. MOON VISITED CAPITOL HILL THAT DECEMBER TO HOLD A PRAYER MEETING, AT WHICH HE ASSERTED BEFORE ABOUT A DOZEN CONGRESSMEN THAT IT WAS THE 'WILL OF GOD' THAT THE U.S. CONTINUE TO 'SAFEGUARD KOREA.'

"ASSOCIATES OF MR. MOON AND MR. MOON HIMSELF INVESTED

HEAVILY IN THE NEWLY FORMED DIPLOMAT NATIONAL BANK HERE IN 1975, ALONG WITH OTHER ALLEGED SOUTH KOREAN AGENTS. THAT INVESTMENT AROUSED THE SUSPICION THAT THE BANK WAS INTENDED TO BE THE FINANCIAL CENTER FOR SEOUL'S

OPERATIONS HERE.

"BUT BY EARLY 1976, MANY OF THE KOREAN ACTIVITIES HAD COME UNDER THE SCRUTINY OF FEDERAL OR CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS. TWO REPRESENTATIVES, ROBERT L. LEGGETT, DEMOCRAT OF CALIFORNIA, AND JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, DEMOCRAT OF QUEENS, DISCLOSED THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WAS INVESTIGATING THEM ON CHARGES OF TAKING BRIBES FROM THE SEOUL GOVERNMENT.

"THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ALSO BEGAN PRESENTING EVIDENCE TO A GRAND JURY ON OTHER ALLEGATIONS OF BRIBERY, AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES BEGAN TO REPORT ON SOUTH KOREA'S LOBBYING AND OTHER ACTIVITY THAT HAS BEEN LINKED TO THE K.C.I.A.

"THEN CAME THE DEFECTION, IN NOVEMBER, OF THE SENIOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICER OF THE KOREAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN THE SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY, AND, ACCORDING TO A U.S. INTELLIGENCE REPORT, PRESIDENT PARK'S SUBSEQUENT ORDER TO CURTAIL OPERATIONS.

"SINCE THEN, PARK TONG SUN HAS GONE TO LONDON AND DECLINED TO RETURN; AMBASSADOR HAHM PYONG CHOON HAS BEEN RECALLED TO SEOUL; THE K.C.I.A. STATION CHIEF, KIM YUNG WHAN, HAS BEEN REPLACED, AND PRESIDENT PARK'S SON-IN-LAW, HAN BYUNG KI, HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS TO CANADA AS AMBASSADOR.

"MR. HAN HAS NOT BEEN REPLACED IN NEW YORK, AND SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIALS SAID THAT HIS STAFF WAS BEING RECALLED TO SEOUL.

"MANY OF THE 25 KOREAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS POSTED IN SEOUL'S EMBASSY HERE OR IN CONSULATES AROUND THE COUNTRY HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN RECALLED. AGENTS REMAINING IN THE U.S., SUCH AS KIM HAN CHO, WHO HAS REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED, HAVE TAKEN A LOW PROFILE.

"THE DIPLOMAT NATIONAL BANK HAS TIRED, BUT NOT YET SUCCEEDED, IN DIVORCING ITSELF FROM ITS CONNECTION WITH MR. MOON'S ASSOCIATES."  
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